

### **SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. The application has been amended as follows: Please amend claim 15 from "The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said branch confidence estimator accesses misprediction history information." to read -- The apparatus of claim ~~[[14]]~~11, wherein said branch confidence estimator accesses misprediction history information.-- This corrects claim 15's dependency from depending on claim 14, a canceled claim, to claim 11.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AIMEE J. LI whose telephone number is (571)272-4169. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 7:00am-4:30pm.
4. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie Chan can be reached on (571) 272-4162. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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